

March 28, 1958

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Mr. Herbert T. Jenkins  
Chief of Police  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Chief:

Your thoughtful letter of March 24, 1958, with enclosure, has been received, and I sincerely appreciate your congratulations and generous comments regarding my book, "Masters of Deceit." It is most heartening to know of your intention to use it as a textbook in your Police School.

I am very grateful for your kindness in forwarding a copy of the fine article by Mr. Ralph McGill of The Atlanta Constitution. I am sending a note to him today.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. J. S. Rogers, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Chief Jenkins is on the Bureau mailing list.

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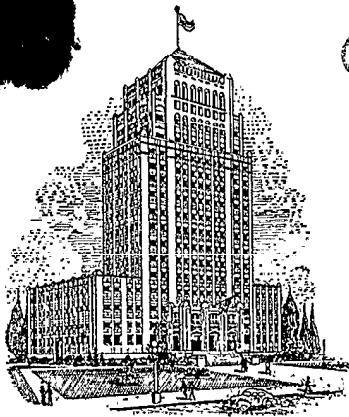
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# CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
HERBERT T. JENKINS, CHIEF

ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

March 24, 1958

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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations on the fine job that you have always done in always presenting a true picture of communism.

Your latest book, "Masters of Deceit" is a master piece and I predict is the instrument that will eventually completely defeat communism. I expect to use it as a textbook in our Police School here in Atlanta.

The attached article by Ralph McGill appeared on the front page of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution March 23, 1958.

With deepest personal regards, I am,

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Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Chief of Police  
Herbert T. Jenkins

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### 'The Masters Of Deceit'

For about 40 years now, J. Edgar Hoover has been a student of communism. He began it in 1919



as a young lawyer in the Department of Justice. In the years that have followed he has, as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, kept that party of subversion under what

amounts to a microscope. He and his aides have studied as a scientist does research into a virus or some persistent disease.

It is not at all a stretch of imagination, therefore, to say that J. Edgar Hoover knows more about the Communist Party in the United States than do its members.

Hence, the fact that Mr. Hoover has written a book, which is also a textbook manual on communism, is important. Titled "Masters of Deceit," it covers the history of subversion in this country. In it one finds described the techniques of deceit, of infiltration, the use of front organizations and trickery in general.

Important, too, is his chapter on how innocent organizations and persons are "used." One of the masterful uses of deceit by Communists is their support of honest and legitimate organizations and their manipulation of authentic grievances.

### Not Reformers

He makes clear the fact that Communists are not liberals, progressives or social reformers. Yet, they almost always are discovered in support of some liberal cause or person, or loudly urging some progressive movement, or participating in social reform.

For example, it is true that communism has supported efforts of the Negro to eliminate discriminations in the field of citizenship and the rights of citizens. Communists have set up front organizations in this field and they have infiltrated others.

So it is today that we see the more extreme racists in the South using, with some success among unthinking people, the old syllogistic argument . . . a monkey has two ears, you have two ears, therefore you are a monkey. They make use of it by saying, "The Communists have for years urged an end to discrimination. They have supported the Supreme Court's school decision, therefore, this is a Communist plot and the Supreme Court has adopted a Communist philosophy."

This is not true. Those who use it know it, but they, too, are sometimes master of deceit. It happens to be a perfect example of how Communists support a social reform to assist the Communist party.

### NAACP Discussed

Mr. Hoover also discusses the NAACP. That organization has made its share of errors. It is denounced by many of the extremists in and out of politics in the South as a Communist-dominated organization. Therefore, it is of interest to read Mr. Hoover on that subject.

The FBI director finds, of course, that Communists, following their usual tactics, have supported the NAACP. But he says that of course the party's claim that it is working for the Negro's interest is "a deception and fraud." He lists the numerous efforts made to infiltrate the NAACP. Mr. Hoover pays that organization tribute for resisting and lists many instances of that success. One may, of course, think what one will of the NAACP, and it has by no means endeared itself to many Americans. But it is not Communist.

But to know communism one must read Mr. Hoover's wise and thorough book. And we will do well to understand that the best way to defeat it is by vigilance, knowledge and a belief in human dignity and by social reforms which "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and care for the less fortunate."

Mr. Hoover is a Christian as well as head of the FBI.

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EX-123  
Mr. Robert V. Ackerman  
3026 Girardeau Avenue  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

Thank you sincerely for your review of "Masters of Deceit" which appeared in "The State" on March 16, 1958. Reviews such as yours are very encouraging, and I want you to know I am deeply grateful for your fine support.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bureau and Savannah indices reflect no identifiable derogatory data re Ackerman who has been cooperative with the Savannah Office. No letter is being directed to the Editor of this paper in view of unfavorable articles published in this paper re FBI Civil Rights School in Columbia, South Carolina, in May, 1956. At that time the SAC pointed out inaccuracies but no retraction was forthcoming. The SAC was instructed that personnel of his office should have as little to do with this paper as is absolutely necessary.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (66- )

DATE: 3/25/58

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT" - Review by  
R. V. ACKERMAN - March 16, 1958  
issue, "The State", Columbia, S. C.  
SAVANNAH DIVISION

Enclosed herewith is one copy of an article which appeared in the March 16, 1958 issue of "The State" a daily newspaper, Columbia, S. C.

The writer of this article, ROBERT V. ACKERMAN, a reporter for "The State", resides at 3026 Girardeau Ave. Columbia, S. C. He was born [redacted] Germany, as his father, CARL W. ACKERMAN, was a United Press Correspondent in Germany. CARL W. ACKERMAN, now retired, was formerly Dean of the School of Journalism, Columbia University, New York City, and he presently resides in New York City.

ROBERT V. ACKERMAN is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Journalism.

Indices of the Savannah Office contain no unfavorable information concerning ACKERMAN. Inasmuch as ROBERT V. ACKERMAN has a very high regard for the FBI and has voluntarily furnished information to the Bureau in the past, it is suggested that the Director might desire to give consideration to directing a letter of thanks to him for the enclosed review of "Masters of Deceit".

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**'MASTERS OF DECEIT'**

# FBI Chief's Book on Communism Sheds Valuable Light on Situation

MASTERS OF DECEIT, the story of Communism in America and how to fight it, by J. Edgar Hoover, Holt, New York, \$5.

When the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation writes a book about the dangers of Communism in the United States it is an important educational moment. The otherwise anonymous FBI usually listens and acts, talks little except to ask questions.

The international ramifications of the Red peril make the topic of prime consideration in the combatting of subversive activities.

The problem lies at the front door steps of many cities, even Columbia has a problem with it.

As one Columbian recently said: "It is not a matter of ethics, it is not a matter of religion. It is a matter of economics!" By this the highly suspect anonymous speaker labelled what he thought the differences were between American capitalism and his particular brand of economic theory.

### 22,000 KNOWN REDS

There are according to Director Hoover's book some 22,000 known American Communists in the country. This is a drop from a peak of 80,000 in 1944. But he warns that figures do not reveal the sinister indirection the communists in the United States have taken for there are estimated to be some "ready, willing and able to do the party's work. He says "Communists firmly believe they are destined to conquer the world." Then with special emphasis the able FBI chief says: "When the Communist Party was at its peak in the United States it was stronger than the Soviet Party was at the time it seized power in Russia."

But Hoover also says: ". . . Thank God, there are millions of Americans who oppose them (Communists). If we open our eyes, in-

form our selves, and work together, we can keep our country free."

Fearful that Americans will be fooled by the pronouncements of the February 1957 convention of the Communist Party in the United States, Director Hoover hopes Americans are not living in a "fool's paradise."

He thinks the C. P. did not actually throw off international ties with the Soviet Union in 1957, as it asserted, and no longer needs to send its promising young leaders to Moscow for training "because its own educational system is now performing that function."

### CONTROLS BEING TIGHTENED

He notes how the noose is being tightened around communists in the U. S. with passage of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the Communist Control Act of 1954, vital documents in any study of the cold war being waged in America against subversion, espionage and sabotage. A number of Communist leaders, many not known to the South, have been jailed and their sentences stuck, despite the clever legal maneuvering of communist-paid lawyers.

In a way "Masters of Deceit" is a slight disappointment in that it doesn't go quite far enough. For some reason it does not contain the Department of Justice list of organizations which at one time or another have been listed subversive in the United States. Such a list would go far in showing Southerners how the Communist network is creeping into the tragic cleavage of the white and Negro citizen as they attempt to reconcile their differences in various ways.

### PRIME SOURCE OF FACTS

The new book by Hoover is a prime source for an understanding of communism and sputnik fellow travelers, satellite subver-

sive action in the nation. The reader will be better able then to utilize supplementary though prior publications issued from time to time by the U. S. House of Un-American Activities Committee and the Internal Security subcommittee findings of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Hoover's book certainly belongs on the shelf of every large library, should be read by the intelligent reader who is concerned with keeping the free-democratic forces of America alive. It might surprise the American history teacher to discover that some American heroes of the Communists have in later life had their names appropriated by Communist clubs, such names being Tom Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Walt Whitman. And the citizenry should also be reminded that the United States has acted swiftly when the clear call of danger was sounded, remind themselves that the Rosenbergs were executed in peace time for prior wartime espionage when they helped obtain information illegally about the atomic bomb for a foreign country, Russia. Says Hoover: "The United States is strategic spy target Number One for the Soviets."

### WARNING SOUNDED

Perhaps the best feature of the Hoover book is to demonstrate that the chief of America's first line investigatory agency is not letting up on Communism just because the Supreme Court found it difficult to deal with the red rascals. And the average citizen is thus better forewarned of the menace that walks the street by day, meets secretly by night and has infiltrated our fine churches and colleges in a hundred different disguises.

—R. V. Ackerman

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Columbia, S. C.  
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Mr. [redacted]  
30 Bartlett Road  
Winthrop 52, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Higginbotham:

Your letter of March 27, 1958, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me in this regard is truly appreciated.

It was very kind of you to permit me to have the benefit of your observations and comments, and I am most grateful for your encouraging evaluation of the effectiveness of my new book.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

30 Bartlett Road  
Winthrop 52, Mass.  
March 27, 1958

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have sent the following letter to the Boston newspapers:

"Referring to the recent news item in which Secretary of State Dulles justified aid to Communist countries, it would seem as though his conclusion that Yugoslavia is still independent of Moscow" and Poland has 'a measure of independence' is not sufficient reason for aiding Communists who deny that man has unalienable rights that come from our Creator.

"We spend huge sums of money trying to convince the world that we believe in the dignity of the human person and yet support with money and arms tyrants who suppress freedom.

"After reading J. Edgar Hoover's book 'Masters of Deceit,' it is incredible that anyone with a knowledge of atheistic Communism and a love for freedom would want to aid the masters of deceit."

May God bless you, Mr. Hoover.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ [Redacted Signature]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
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Masters of Deceit

May God bless you, Mr. Hoover. *[Signature]*

Sincerely yours,



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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/28/58

FROM : SAC, Omaha

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SUBJECT:

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Assistant Cashier  
 Omaha National Bank  
 Omaha, Nebraska  
 REQUEST FOR AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF  
 "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

Mr. [Redacted] a friend of the Omaha Division, has requested an autographed copy of the Director's book "Masters of Deceit."

Mr. [Redacted] is cooperative and a check of the arrest records of the Omaha Police Department and Sheriff's Office has been made with negative results.

It is suggested the Director consider autographing a copy of his book. This book should be forwarded to the Omaha Division and will be delivered personally.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$2.95, payable to the FBI Recreation Association.

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Mr Hoover

I wish that your book was in pocket size edition, so that we could carry it with us, and look at or read it as a reminder of those <sup>Commie</sup> ~~Communists~~ traitors. The rats are really gnawing at our security and way of life, and should be exposed, and the pen, ~~is~~ stronger than the sword if used for the good of the people and our country.

**Masters of Deceit**  
I think that your book, will open the eyes of the people, and will <sup>they</sup> not be fooled anymore by <sup>the</sup> ~~their~~ <sup>red</sup> propaganda. More people will be able to read Masters of Deceit including our younger generation, who are so easily influenced, at their tender years of forming opinions. Now is the time to catch them and warn them of Communism. If Masters of Deceit was printed in other nationalities in pocket size edition, I would really be something, because all the world would be alerted to the ~~of~~ Communism. This book could really strike a death blow to Russian

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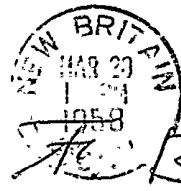
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more people and all the American  
public by writing a ~~series~~ <sup>continued story</sup> of your  
book in every newspaper in the  
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Ms Hoover and Bravo for such  
a wonderful book against  
those rotter loators!

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EDGAR HOOVER



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NEW BRITAIN, CT

Mr. E Hoover  
F. B. I.

~~Waldorf Astoria Washington~~  
~~New York City D.C.~~

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Anonymously

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April 1, 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received the autographed book entitled "Masters of Deceit" which you so kindly sent to me.

This is very much appreciated, and I want to thank you for this favor.

With kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

*C. A. Eisenhardt Sr.*

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April 2, 1958

EDGAR B. ROUSE

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was nice of Mr. Tolson to send me an autographed copy of your book, which I shall treasure.

I have been reading the reports in the New York Times Book Review with a great deal of interest and now I can enjoy the real thing.

With best wishes for continued success and again, thank you.

Sincerely,

*E. B. Rouse*

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Crime Reporter  
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 3, 1958

Mr. Hal Ranstad, former Special Agent, now with the McClellan Committee called at the Director's Office today and left the attached copy of "Masters of Deceit" and asked if the Director would be so kind as to autograph it for him.

Mr. Ranstad stated that if he is called at his home Woodley 6-1961 he will be glad to pick up the book after the Director has autographed it.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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Mr. Frank C. McLearn  
General Manager  
King Features Syndicate  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. McLearn:

It was certainly most thoughtful of you to write as you did on April 2, 1958. I assure you it was a pleasure to cooperate with you in connection with the serialization of "Masters of Deceit."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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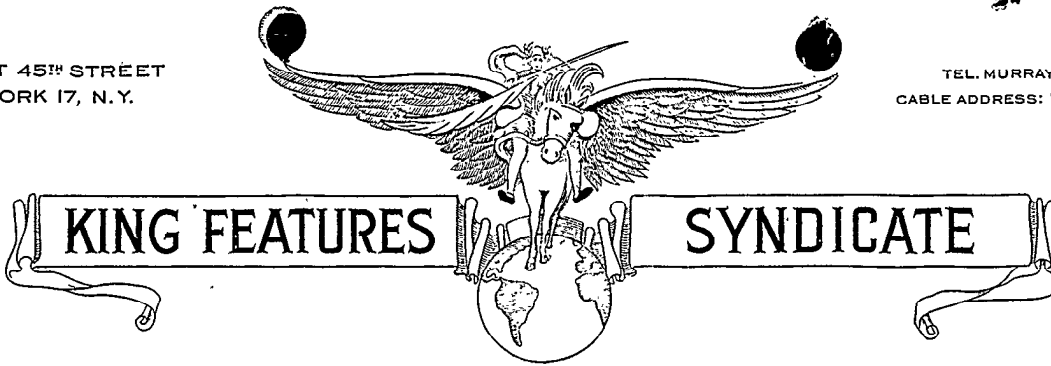
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OFFICE OF  
THE GENERAL MANAGER

April 2, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is just a note to thank you for the splendid cooperation you have given us in the preparation of MASTERS OF DECEIT for serialization to newspapers. Mr. Clark Kinmaird has reported to me your fine efforts in expediting the copy, and I want you to know how much we appreciate them.

We, of course, are doing everything in our power to get as wide a circulation as possible for this provocative and important work. I need not tell you how proud we are to be acting as your agent in syndication.

Sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature: Frank C. McLearn]*

Frank C. McLearn

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Miss Myrtle E. Fortune  
2338 Mayfair Road  
Dayton 5, Ohio

Dear Miss Fortune:

It was certainly thoughtful of you to send me the beautiful Easter card reflecting the inspiring verses, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your kindness.

I do hope that you will find my book, "Masters of Deceit," of interest. The book was written for the purpose of alerting the American people to the real threat posed by the atheistic communist movement.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Clayton \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Hoover, ✓

After reading the description of your book dealing with communists, which will run as a series in our paper - I couldn't resist sending you a copy of my Easter verses for this year.

Inspirational, they were written in 1952 - but the thought came to have them published this year. Your book deals with facts and happenings - my verses would seem to be almost prophetic.

I will have to buy your book (I hate "installment" reading) and read it through.

Sincerely,

s/Myrtle F Fortune

P.S. Being sixty seven I have seen much of "might" go into the dust - the Kaisers - Hitler, Mussolini, etc. but they still keep trying, it seems.

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*Easter*



## *and the Iron Curtain*



And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:19

Although the Iron Curtain may be lowered  
Against all of God's holy light  
Yet His love and a people's salvation  
Are greater than evil and might  
Think ye that man in his weakness  
And selfishness born of crude lust  
Dare forget that the God who created  
Can lower him into the dust?

Iron may be strong but corrosive  
And will weaken and soon rust away  
But the light of man's soul will be burning  
Brighter and brighter each day  
Naught that man builds in his wisdom  
On the earth, in the air, neath the sea  
Of the mightiest tools of his making  
But shall crumble when God sets them free—

Then fret not about the Iron Curtain  
An illusion built of man's greed  
Waste not your energies pounding  
At the walls of a land gone to seed  
For eternally and ever greater  
God's word goes marching on  
And the day of a people's surrender  
But await the call of His son—

For naught of mankind shall refuse Him  
When the voice of the Master is heard  
Naught of a people's own choosing  
Shall refrain from accepting His word  
Then mock not His ways with vain glory  
Seek not great lands to acclaim  
Great men and great nations together  
Shall be crumbled alike in their fame—

Then build ye no mythical curtains  
Kneel at no pagan built shrine  
But seek ye the ways of God's wisdom  
Pray that His glory be thine  
Count not great armies as mighty  
Gird thou with God's love and trust  
For war tools and mocking Iron Curtains  
Shall be buried alike in the dust.

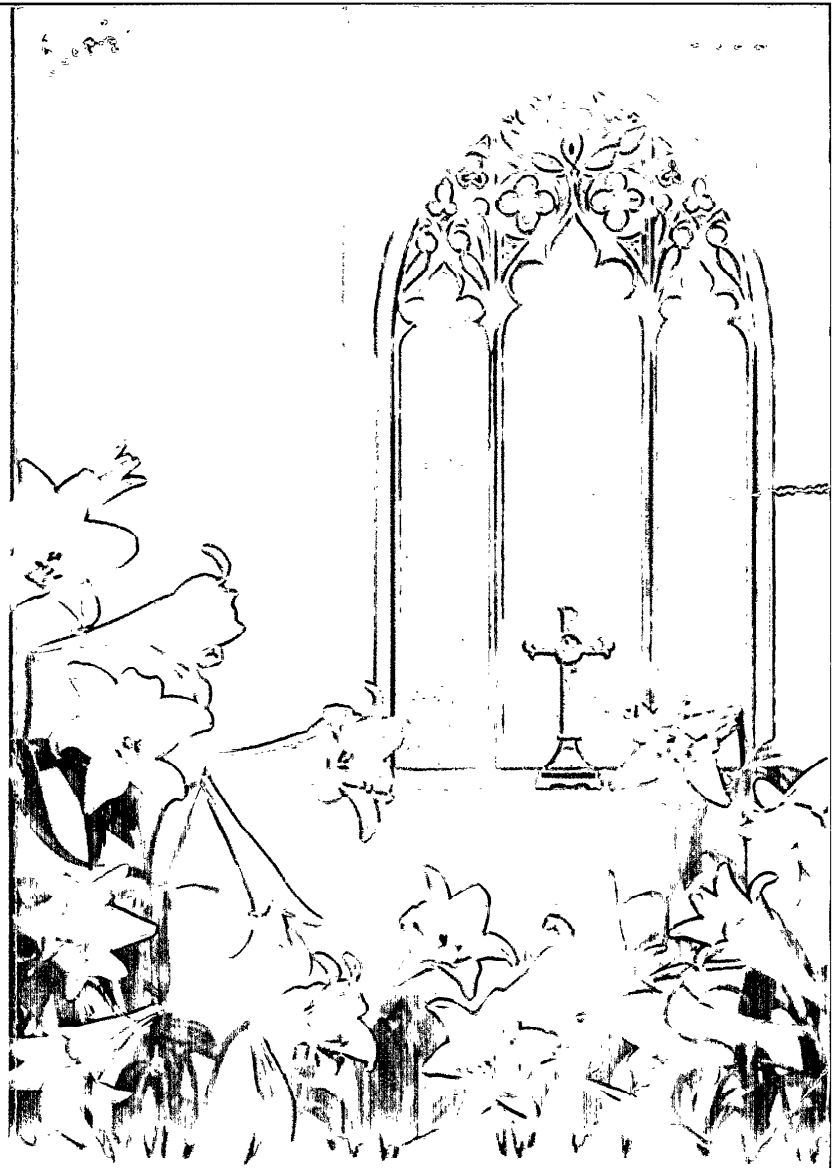
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*Myrtle F. Fortune*

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works. Matthew 16:27

*Wishing you and yours  
a Blessed Easter*

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Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed copy of a letter was written by the undersigned, on behalf of you and Mr. Sokolsky, and in answer to a letter appearing Sunday Mar. 30th in the Washington Post. I often find it expedient to use another name, since editors become with frequent letter writers <sup>familiar</sup> names.

Apparently Mr. Weisberg, the writer whom I attempt to answer, finds the defender of American principles more culpable than the Communist conspiracy. This is an all too familiar story in this country today, and I am afraid, one designed to completely disorient the American people as to just who their real enemy is. It is too bad that you cannot unmask this enemy completely, but of course, we who are fighting this menace locally realize too well why you cannot.

I wish to commend you on the excellent presentation of "Masters of Deceit," which I am not quite thru reading, but which promises to be the ultimate weapon for effectively fighting this conspiracy, if the American people will but read it and believe.

I have recently completed reading "Iron Curtain Over America," by Col. John Beaty, with which I am sure you are familiar. I feel Colonel Beaty has done a splendid job of service to the American public. Of course, Colonel Beaty could do a much more thorough and documented job, because of his comparatively invulnerable position at this time. We certainly need every writer and contributor to the cause of the defense of American we can muster.

With much gratitude for your constant vigilance over the welfare of the vast majority of American people, and with all good wishes for your continued success,

Most sincerely yours,

Mrs. [Redacted]

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Arlington, Va. March 30-58

To the Editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald:

Harold E. Weisberg, (Slanting by Sokolsky?) for reasons known only to himself, takes exception to Mr. Sokolsky's comments regarding the Oakes' review of J. Edgar Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit."

Mr. Weisberg thereby attempts to prove 1) that Mr. Hoover is "politically naive and unobservant," 2) that Mr. Sokolsky is guilty of misinterpretation; and 3) that Mr. Hoover and/or Mr. Sokolsky are guilty of attempting to undermine faith in what Mr. Weisberg regards as "the American way of life." Aside from the fact that the charges levelled against Messrs. Sokolsky and Hoover by Mr. Weisberg are not only insulting, but are open to question as to just what either or both of these gentlemen may gain by such "undermining of the faith of the American people," — one might ask what MR. WEISBERG expects to gain by attacking two individuals known over the years to have defended logically and with proven reliability this "way of life."

Mr. Weisberg illustrates 2) by stating that "Mr. Oakes certainly did not say that he knew what 170 million Americans would accept....." ".....what he DID say was: ".....not all of his 170 million fellow Americans will accept Mr. Hoover's view." May I suggest that since Mr. Oakes (according to Mr. Weisberg) does not KNOW what 170 million Americans will accept, how can he possibly CLAIM that they will not all accept Mr. Hoover's premises?

As for the merits of Mr. Weisberg's conclusions, 1) that Mr. Hoover is politically naive and unobservant; 3) that Messrs. Hoover and Sokolsky are attempting to undermine the faith of the American people, may I suggest a) that the present occupation by the Soviets of the Eastern European countries and Balkan states, without firing a shot, came about neither accidentally nor coincidentally; b) the greatest (admitted) Marxist torch bearers in the free world today are not the "bogeymen" referred to by Mr. Weisberg, but in many cases are highly respected citizens, whose participation in infiltrated organizations represents the most reprehensible treachery in world history (see chapter "Subversive Infiltration", "Masters of Deceit"); c) that Mr. Hoover, unless there is information to the contrary to which the public has not had access, is perhaps more of an authority on the plans, history, actions, and psychology of international communism than Mr. Oakes, and d) that evidently "the American way of life," of which Mr. Weisberg so glibly speaks, has a different connotation for Messrs. Hoover and Sokolsky and the vast majority of Americans, and for Mr. Weisberg and friends.

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Arlington, Virginia

cc: J. Edgar Hoover ✓  
Mr. George Sokolsky  
National Review

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

"Masters of Deceit" is the most important book of this century so far. You have done a superb job for civilisation, possibly the decisive one. With best wishes

Sincerely yours

Gladstone Murray

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

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Miss [redacted]  
861 Fedora Street  
Los Angeles 5, California

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Dear Miss [redacted]

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Your letter of March 30, 1958, has been received, and I do appreciate your kind comments concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

The basic premise in the fight against communism is respect for the historic rights of the individual. The vigilante who would take the law into his own hands has no place in our society. Never must smears, character assassination or falsehoods be our weapons. Our best offense against communism is an informed citizenry working through the processes of democratic government. Being loyal to the laws of the land is our most effective method of defeating this atheistic opponent.

Thank you also for your comments about "The FBI Story." All of us in the FBI are very proud of this fine book.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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I believe many Americans feel a little resentful of the freedom the communists enjoy in this country, and why shouldn't they feel resentful? I know I do, even if it is our American way of life! When a communist is found guilty of any communistic activity in this country why isn't he or she immediately deported to Russia (providing of course they were born there) and what happens to American Communists who are found guilty - are they just sentenced to a prison term?

Probably I should have waited until I finished reading your book in case there are other questions I want to find answers to but these are some questions that I have wondered about for sometime.

I hope that some member of your staff will find the time to answer this letter.

Yours truly,

s/ [Redacted]

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P. S. I enjoyed the F. B. I. Story also.

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Date **April 1, 1958**

To

Director

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- Open Case
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- Prepare lead cards
- Prepare tickler
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- Return file
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- Type

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RALPH MCGILL

# Hoover Unveils Reds As 'Masters of Deceit'

For about 40 years now, J. Edgar Hoover has been a student of communism. He began it in 1919 as a young lawyer in the Department of Justice. In the years that have followed he has, as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, kept that party under what amounts to a microscope. He and his aides have studied as a scientist does research into a virus or some persistent disease.



Ralph McGill

It is not at all a stretch of imagination, therefore, to say that J. Edgar Hoover knows more about the Communist party in the United States than do its members. And assuredly, he is better informed than any of the Soviet leaders whose job it is to maintain relationships with the parties in various nations about the earth.

Hence, the fact that Hoover has written a book, which is also a text book manual on communism, is important. Ti-

led "Masters of Deceit," it covers the history of subversion in this country. In it one finds described the techniques of deceit, of infiltration, the use of front organizations and trickery in general.

IMPORTANT, too, is his chapter on how innocent organizations and persons are "used." One of the masterful uses of deceit by Communists is their support of honest and legitimate organizations and their manipulation of authentic grievances for the benefit of communism and its organization.

He makes clear the fact that Communists are not liberals, progressives or social reformers. Yet, they almost always are discovered in support of some liberal cause or person, or loudly urging some progressive movement, or participating in social reform.

Hoover also brings into focus one of the remedies in this field—correcting the existing evils so that Communists cannot exploit what are genuine grievances.

FOR EXAMPLE, it is true that communism has supported efforts of the Negro to eliminate discriminations in the field of citizenship and the rights of citizens. Communists have set up front organizations in this field and they have infiltrated others and, in time, succeeded in making fronts of them.

So it is today that we see the more extreme racists in the South using, with some success among unthinking people, the old syllogistic argument . . . a monkey has two ears, you have two ears, therefore you are a monkey. They make use of it by saying, "The Communists have for years urged an end to discrimination. They have supported the Supreme Court's school decision, therefore, this is a Communist plot and the Supreme Court has adopted a Communist philosophy."

THIS IS NOT TRUE. These who use it know it, but they, too, are sometime master of deceit. It happens to be a perfect example of how Communists support social reform to assist the Communist party. But certainly it has no influences on the decision.

Hoover also discusses the NAACP. That organization has made its share of errors. It is denounced by many of the extremists in and out of politics in the South as a Communist dominated organization. Therefore, it is of interest to read Mr. Hoover on that subject.

The FBI director finds, of course, that Communists, following their usual tactics, have supported the NAACP. But he says that of course the party's claim that it is working for the Negro's interest is "a deception and fraud." He lists the numerous efforts made to infiltrate the NAACP.

Hoover pays that organization tribute for resisting and lists many instances of that success. One may, of course, think what one will of the NAACP, and it has by no

means endeared itself to all. But it is not Communist.

HOOPER deplors the promiscuous uses of the "smear" charge of "communism," so common in our time. He likewise warns against hysteria and witch-hunting—also common in our politics of today.

But above all, he warns against the deceit and the basic evil of communism and its ever present danger.

But to know communism one must read Hoover's wise and thorough book. And we will do well to understand that the best way to defeat it is by vigilance, knowledge and a belief in human dignity and by social reforms which "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and care for the less fortunate."

Hoover is a Christian as well as head of the FBI.

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VICE PRESIDENT

March 27, 1958

Mr. Clyde Tolson  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Room 5744  
 Department of Justice Bldg.  
 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Clyde:

Enclosed herewith please find "finals" of installments 8 through 21 of King Features Syndicate's version of MASTERS OF DECEIT by J. Edgar Hoover, for your files.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

William E. Buckley

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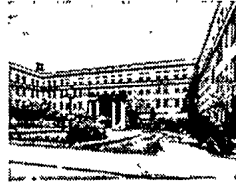
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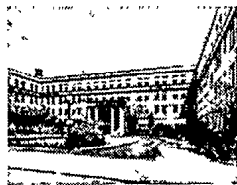
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I enjoyed that book so much I got the rest of the series - 1933 on. 7 books.

I have been making my living in specialized saleswork, but now I resent any thing that takes me away from this work. I wish I could make a connection to do this work for a living, since it is closest to my heart. Thank you again,  
Faithfully,

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*James*

Kemper Lane Hotel  
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 Cincinnati 6, Ohio

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s/  *NI*  
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As one of the millions of Americans that FINALLY WOKE UP --- we would like your cooperation in passing the following laws:

1. Since America has a <sup>3</sup>\$400 billion dollar national debt to pay to protect us from our enemy -- COMMUNIST RUSSIA -- we feel that we have a right to a law stating ---

Communists are a patrol of a foreign country advising and teaching the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence and therefore are our No. 1 enemy. Communists must be registered, be investigated, and can be arrested, prosecuted and deported. All Communists and Associates must be put out of Federal and State jobs, especially Health, Education and Welfare, also Law Practice. *Labor!*

2. Americans want no part of the United Nations --- which was organized by Communist Alger Hiss and is run by Communist Russia and her satellite countries. We want Russia and her satellite countries out of the United Nations, or the United Nations out of the United States of America, and we do not want "A United Nations Permanent Force" which allows Communist troops to be stationed in the United States of America.

3. Protect all investigating committees, our FBI and J. Edgar Hoover, and our Immigration laws, from the 1958 request of the Communist -- they would RUIN THEM.

4. Pass the Bricker Amendment.

5. Pass the Federal Law -- Right to Work.

6. Raise the tariff now.

7. Amend all Supreme Court Decisions to conform to the Constitution of the United States, especially their SPLIT DECISIONS which removed more than half of our Security employees.

\* 8. Pass a law -- all employees of the White House and State Department and especially advisors to our President must pass a Security check.

9. Investigate -- Tricky Mental Health Laws -- Investigate I. L. O. and stop payment to it.

10. Since the Supreme Court has given our enemy, the COMMUNIST, the KEY to the UNITED STATES of AMERICA -- by their decisions,

WE WANT THE SUPREME COURT IMPEACHED

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Some of The Millions of Americans who finally Woke Up; We Want;

1. Protect J. Edgar Hoover and our F. B. I. from Communists, 1958 request.
2. Protect American Investigation Committee from Communists 1958 request.
3. Protect Immigration and Nationality Act.
4. Raise Tariff to stop unemployment.
5. Pass Federal Law Right to Work.
6. Pass Bricker Amendment, Now.
7. Pass Law Stating; Communists are a Patrol of a Foreign Country, operating in U. S. A. and teaching overthrow of our government by force and violence; and therefore is our Enemy. Communists must be registered, investigated, and prosecuted and can be deported (especially unlawful aliens).
8. Get Communist Russia, and Satellites out of U. N. or get U. N. out of U. S. A.
9. Get Communists out of Health, Education, and Welfare and Law Practice. Out of Federal and State positions, especially out of Advisory Capacity to President and Vice President. Any one employed in connection with President or Vice President must pass security check.
10. Impeach Supreme Court for rewriting our Constitution of U. S. A. without authority, as for instance;

Decisions favoring Communism harmful to U. S. A.

Hugo L. Black - - - - - 21 out of 22 times  
 William O. Douglas - - - - 18 out of 19 times  
 Felix Frankfurter - - - - - 15 out of 23 times

Plus, Warren and Brennan (who Joe McCarthy refused to O.K. for bench).

Among other things the Supreme Court did;

1. Schlocher Case; States can't fire Communists for being Communists.
2. Schwere Case; States can't bar Communists from Law Practice.
3. Sweeny Case; States can't question association with Communists of professors in State Schools or other institutions.
4. Nelson Case; States can't punish those convicted of sedition.
5. Jenks Case; Federal Bureau of Investigation must open complete file on case to those with subversion, treachery and other crimes.
6. Watkins Case; Congress can't inquire about Communist's Association.
7. Fourteen Convicted Communists; Reversed Conviction on Grounds that no one has right to inquire about defendants political beliefs.

The Communists Celebrated these Decisions.  
As making up their Declaration of Independence.

"We spent \$300,000,000,000 National Debt to Protect us from Communist Russia and by the decision of the Supreme Court they handed the keys to U.S.A. to our number one enemy, the Communists, therefore

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Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your kind letter of March 17th, was deeply appreciated. It should be well established by this time that I am a most willing ally in "our struggle against communism," and, as such, that I stand ready to serve in any way I can.

I believe that it will be of further interest and pleasure to you to learn that I have sold over sixty copies of your great book to listeners to my broadcasts who have preferred to place their orders with me as per my arrangement with William E. Buckley of the Henry Holt Company, Inc.

It might be of additional interest to you that I am currently scheduled for a two-week vacation in Atlanta, Georgia for the broadcast weeks of April 21, through April 25, and April 28, through May 2, and that our mutual friend, Mr. Herb Philbrick, will fill in for me out here as guest commentator.

Sincerely yours,

*Bob Siegrist*  
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April 7, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
118 East Second Street  
Tyler, Texas

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Dear Billy:

Many thanks for your letter of March 31 enclosing the note from your friend, [redacted] and a copy of young [redacted] fine theme on the subject of Communism.

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In addition to admiring her interest in this vital topic and her discerning views along this line, I am very pleased, of course, to learn that this young lady's efforts were influenced in some measure by my new book, "Masters of Deceit."

It was very thoughtful of you to bring this to my attention, and I thought you might like to see the enclosed copy of a note which I am sending to Miss [redacted]

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With warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

*/s/ Edgar*

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Dear Edgar:

I am enclosing herewith a theme on Communism written by a fourteen year old girl. She is the grand-daughter of [Redacted] who is a very close friend of mine. I sent John a copy of your book, little [Redacted] read it and here are the results!

With kindest personal regards.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature box]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
4936 30th Pjace, N.W.  
Washington 8, D. C.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN DALLAS

[Redacted]

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March 28, 1958

Dear [Redacted]

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Enclosed is copy of theme on Communism  
written by [Redacted] which I hope  
you will enjoy reading.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. [Redacted]  
319 Citizens State Bank Building  
Tyler, Texas

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"From Each According to his Ability. To Each According to his Needs. "

"Communism is a system of thought and action originated by Marx and Engels, developed by Lenin, and continued by Stalin and Khrushchey. That system embodies, among other things: a materialistic explanation of man and the universe; a materialistic interpretation of history centering about the class struggle; abolition of noncommunist state; a revolutionary theory and a flexible course of action by which to abolish freedom of enterprise; a code of action based not on morals but on utility -- the end justifies the means; the abolition of all religions; and finally, a world-wide Communist society. " \*

Wide dangers of Communism conspiracy started with the Russian Revolution in 1917. There and then, for the first time, the Communist Party seized control of a nation. Almost immediately this conspiracy spread to the United States seeking to take root by undermining our institutions and traditions. The Communist Party U. S. A. first emerged in Chicago, Illinois in 1919. The party was broken into two different groups. One group wanted to use the emergency convention to take over the Socialist Party. Another group objected, wanting to set up a Communist Party right away. This led to a break. One group became the Communist Labor Party of America (CLP). The rival group was the Communist Party of America (CP).

\*J. Edgar Hoover, "God and Country or Communism",  
American Mercury Dec. '57.

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Not one, but two parties each claiming to be a true representative of Communism and each bitterly maligning the other came out of the Chicago turmoil.

The Communist Party of 1919 was a motley lot, vastly different from the highly disciplined, efficiently operating Party of recent years. They had little Party discipline. They differed in practically everything except obedience to Soviet Russia. Every Communist considered Lenin a God and the Russian Bolsheviks as models of perfection. Finally the situation between the parties became so bad that the Communists had to go underground. Moscow didn't like any of this, so set about to change it. Moscow intervened through the Third International, an organization designed by the Soviets to control Communist Parties in other nations and to serve as an instrument of world revolution. They set up the basic rules that every Communist Party must accept before being admitted. The twenty-one points established an ironclad discipline. It was said also that the two parties in America must unite. In May, 1920, the two parties, except a few from the C. P. formed the United Communist Party of America. Finally in May, 1921, the United Communist Party of America and remainder of the Communist Party of America formed the Communist Party of America. They accepted the twenty-one points for admission to the Comintern and was then a complete prisoner of Moscow. The Party began to take shape. Through the years the Communist Party advanced. It spread all over

America. Some Communists became concealed members and others open members, while others became "Fellow Travelers," "Opportunists," and others "Dupes." The Fellow Travelers, Opportunists, and Dupes were not really members, but the Communist Party worked through them and gained much influence. They gained influence throughout America and had Communists in every walk of life. Communism means more than a physical organization. It means more than an economic system and more than a cultural pattern. Communism is a philosophy which enslaves the human being totally. This philosophy is known as "Dialectical Materialism." Dialectical means that everything in the universe is constantly changing and at the same time is a conflict. Materialism means God doesn't exist, and the world is composed only of living matter. Many people help bring on Communism, who don't intend to. They are Educators, Authors, and Lecturers who deny the existence of God and carry out the dialectical materialism. Communism attacks America through cold war primarily in forms of espionage and propaganda. Targets are unlimited.

Some of the ways a person might become a Communist are: They hear things about how wonderful the Party is from a Communist member; the person may hear the Party is striving for equality, freedom, or justice. This way they are tricked. An example of the trickery of the Party is illustrated by the Communist Convention of 1957. They told the public that they had broken with the past, shed its old leadership, cut its ties with Moscow, and was now a free independent political party. The purpose: To fool the public; to gain support. This example shows the false face of

of Communism which tricks so many into believing about the party that which is not true. The Communist will do anything to get a member. People may join from lack of faith in God, and the Party seems the answer to their problem. Communism with its deceitful double talk can entice free men to fight for slavery in the name of freedom. It seems as if many join on the spur of the moment without really knowing anything about the Party, except what they read, and live to regret their mistakes.

Many individuals have joined the Party in a vain hope of improving social conditions, gaining better housing, or achieving better relations between the races. Others join because they think it will help the working man. The Communists are trying harder than ever in the United States to take over. Our nation right now is in a recession, so it is easier to get members. They are trying very hard to convert the youth by starting youth groups and in undermining the traditions of America. "The Communists, in truth, have tried to 'steal', the nobility, the fervour, the enthusiasm of a free government under God." \* .

Whatever the reason may be people are joining the Party everyday. While in the Party, they attend secret meetings, reporting how their projects are getting along, pass out literature, and start riots. They will do anything, no matter how dirty it is, to accomplish the assignment given them.

\*J. Edgar Hoover, "Masters of Deceit, Henry Holt & Co., 1958, P. 116

There is a constant hustle, collecting of dues, registration of members, holding of conferences, issuing of instructions. The members are kept so busy that they don't have time to think and realize the terrible mistake they made in joining the Party. By the time they do realize it, or are beginning to have doubts of the Party, the Communist theory by this time has been so well drilled into their heads that either their doubts disappear or they are afraid to quit the Party. When a member does decide to leave the Party, he may be stopped for a while by the fear of something happening to him or his family, but soon realize that it would be much worse for him to stay in the Party than to make a break with the Party. A member may have one doubt which may lead him to have others. He realizes the Party is not striving for what they said they were, but for division and disunity of the world and in any way they can get it. An example of a man joining and breaking with the Party is Howard Fast. He said about joining the Party, "I believed that in the Communist Party was the beginning of true brotherhood of man, working with devotion for Socialism, Peace, and Democracy." "I believed, as did millions of men of goodwill, that the only truth about the Soviet Union was the picture presented by friends of the Soviet Union."\* But upon leaving the Party he said, "Though Communists writers, inside and outside of Russia, may deride and explain my words as words of one they are now duty bound to characterize with every foul name in their lexicon, they also know, very truly, very deeply, that I have found freedom, and they have not, not

\*J. Edgar Hoover, quoted Howard Fast in "Masters of Deceit", Henry Holt and Company, 1958, PP. 107.

because the United States of America is a perfect Democracy. Its history of imperfection has filled many a book and will continue to do so but because it is a free land where the individual, in his work and in his rights, is recognized and defended. Sometimes better, sometimes worse, but always defended. Whatever the Communist Party was once, today it is a poison for man's best and boldest dreams. "\* Men will always break with the Party because they will discover that it is a much better thing for them to think for themselves, "For Mankind the promise of tomorrow always has been and always will be the widening of intellect and horizons in ever greater vistas of individual freedom. "\*

Should the Communist Party take over America, this is what would happen to our Country: A few men would rule the United States. All laws, courts, and the constitution would be abolished. The state would take over everything. Maybe not all at once, but eventually all the people would have to give up their property, or be sent to a Concentration Camp. Occupations, such as wholesalers, traveling salesmen, jobbers, real estate men and stockbrokers, and especially lawyers would be ended because they are useless. Freedom of speech, press, religion, thought, and liberty would be taken away. Action would be drastic, immediate, and without appeal. An armed "Red Guard" would enforce the orders of Party henchmen. If it took over the United States, it

\*Howard Fast, "On Leaving the Communist Party", New York Times, Dec. 29, 1957, PP. 58.

could take over the world, and if it were this way, it would mean the reduction of man from a spiritual creature to the level of a high grade animal, whose sole reason for being is to copulate and die. We must fight Communism and beat it. To beat Communism we must face it. Learn the facts concerning it and how they want to destroy us, then we can destroy Communism in America. The young people, especially must learn about Communism, for they will someday be the leaders of the country. The sooner they learn about government, Communism, and problems of the common people, the better the United States will be in the future. Books should be printed about Communism and put in schools throughout America. We must learn more of the history of our country by reflecting upon the glories of our past. We can advance together to even greater heights of achievement in the future. We must remember the wealth of our nation's moral and spiritual treasures. We must also remember "Worship of God, dependence upon God's guidance, and prayer to God have been characteristic of American Life since early decades of 17th century." If people continue believing in God and relying and trusting upon him, we will win over Communism, but we must wake up. The government should let the people know what is going on and where we stand. We all love America dearly and wouldn't trade her for the world, so we, even the teenagers, which don't get credited with much of anything except juvenile delinquency, are ready, willing, and able to do anything we can to preserve the glorious heritage of America.

April 7, 1958

Miss [redacted]  
c/o Mr. [redacted]  
4504 Westway  
Dallas, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] has brought to my attention a copy of your recent theme on the subject of Communism which was sent to him by your grandfather.

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I was extremely pleased to note your interest in this vital issue and to observe, in your study, your keen awareness of some of the many problems which the communist menace poses for those of us who live in the United States. So long as the teenagers of America, like you, show that they are conscious of this constant danger to our way of life, our country will continue to remain free.

You may be sure that we who have met the young teenagers of today and who have been privileged to witness some of their accomplishments are much more favorably disposed toward the young people in this country than the last sentence of your theme would indicate.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. [redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List. There is no record of [redacted] or [redacted] in Bufiles. Address per Dallas, Texas, telephone directory, in which only one [redacted] is listed. A review of Miss [redacted] 7 page theme indicates that it is based entirely on the Director's article, "God and Country or Communism" and "Masters of Deceit." The theme, while not quoting verbatim from the text of the Director's book, follows sections of the book very closely.

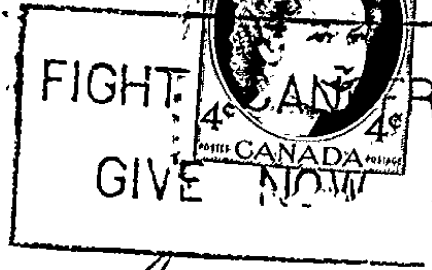
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*Director*  
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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
 Director,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 Dept. of Justice,  
 Washington, D. C.  
 U. S. A.





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always prize it most highly.

I hope, Sir, you will  
accept my very sincere thanks  
both for the gift and the  
thoughtfulness accompanying it.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I recently received from your liaison officer, Mr. Pershing Bell, a copy of your book "Masters of Deceit", which you had taken the trouble to autograph. This gift, especially with the personal touch you have given it is a most considerate action.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Ottawa, Ontario

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
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- Mr. Nease
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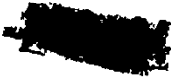
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April 1, 1958

Mr. [redacted]  
1894 Central Avenue  
Memphis 4, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. Thomason:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 1958, with enclosures, with which you forwarded a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit."

I have autographed the book to you as you requested. It is being returned to you under separate cover, and I am grateful for your offer to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: By letter dated March 18, 1958, to Mr. [redacted] the Director acknowledged a communication from [redacted] in which [redacted] expressed an interest in Director's book. ~~Butfiles reflect limited cordial correspondence with [redacted] who has frequently solicited the Director's opinion on matters about which the Director could not comment. (04-50520)~~ The four, three-cent stamps forwarded by the correspondent are being utilized in return of the book.

Butfiles not otherwise identifiable with [redacted]  
See Encls Records.

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Registered Engineer  
1894 Central Avenue  
MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

Hon John Edgar Hoover,  
Washington D. C.

24 Mch. '58

Dear Mr Hoover:

I am sending, herewith a copy of your book  
"Masters of Deceit" which you so kindly stated in your letter  
of 18 Mch. That you would autograph for me.

I would greatly appreciate it if, in addition to  
your signature, you would inscribe it in some suitable fashion.

You do not know how much I appreciate this, - If  
there is ever any thing at any time in which I can be of Service to  
you, or your Dept. It would be an honor to do so.

Most sincerely,

/s/

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Return postage is enclosed.

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REGISTERED ENGINEER  
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MEMPHIS 4, TENNESSEE

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, 24 Mch. '58  
Washington D.C.

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Most sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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Mrs. [Redacted]  
The Bookshelf  
17 South Tracy  
Bozeman, Montana

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of March 24, 1958, has been received, and I do want to thank you for your kind comments concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

To my mind, the fundamental premise in the fight against communism is respect for the historic liberties of the individual. Smears, character assassination and spite are certainly not the tools of battle. Our struggle must be waged in a democratic manner. The vigilante who would take the law into his own hands has no place in our society. An informed citizenry, working through the democratic processes of government, is our best offense against this enemy.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent comments that Director's book is "good" and that "everyone should read it," but feels that more emphasis should have been placed "on the dangers of misguided or malicious hate-mongering." She apparently has been influenced by a local experience of "over-zealous Communist hunters." [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Bufiles contain no record on correspondent. Her husband, [Redacted] subject of Loyalty of Government Employees investigation. Nothing derogatory (121-11103). Note continued next page.

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[redacted] listed as speaker in Jan., 1958, at Montana Institute of International Affairs. One of the speakers listed was Bayard Rustin, Executive Secy., War Resisters' League (former CP member and Quaker pacifist who attended 16th National CP Convention as observer). Apparently, local American Legion protested Rustin's appearance. On 2-24-58 Legion official wrote Bureau asking for data re Rustin. (100-158790) This may be the incident of "over-zealous Communist hunters" correspondent has in mind.

# BOOKSHELF

17 South Tracy Bozeman, Montana

March 24, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

*John F. Kennedy*

May I identify myself by saying that I am the wife of the [redacted] ? I'm a native of Bozeman, '11, my husband came here as an [redacted] in the summer of 1930. I have a B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin. My grandparents on both sides came into this valley in the 1870s. One was a homesteader, the other a missionary.

Last June with my husbands moral and financial support, I started a book store. Our four children are all in college or have graduated, [redacted] travels a good deal, and I needed an interesting activity.

All of which helps explain why I read your book "Masters of Deceit" I expect I'm one of those "liberals" I read about often who will not or cannot realize that Communism, as such, as an internal threat to our constitutional democracy. It is likely that had I not been in the book business I would never have read it. And still more likely that had we not had a recent experienced with over-zealous Communist hunters I would still not have read it.

This is not from lack of respect for the FBI and your able leadership, but from the conviction I've always had that the cure was as bad or worse than the disease. One may well say "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance", a frequently heard quotation, but one can also say, "beware of the price of eternal vigilance". Especially on the part of certain individuals who have pent up more hostility than intelligence.

I will not say that your book changed my mind entirely. I still think there is a great danger in these self-appointed vigilantes. But I must say it was quite a revelation to me in many ways. You of course know that this is a rural state and that communist activity is not extensive here. However you are wise to point out ways in which the average citizen should be on the lookout. Obviously the case of a man finding an old communist card file in a heap of trash in his garage is clearly a situation in which there is only one course to follow. But its like First Aid. The overly zealous first-aider is a pt ~~is~~ if he is not well trained, to kill the victim with his clumsy efforts wheras all he <sup>should</sup> do in many cases is keep him warm and call the doctor. Similarly the F.B.I a Federally administered agency, is ready to answer a call for investigation and is free, we TRUST, from the personal animosities which are the primary motivation of most of the local "freedom trusters".

The most important part of your book, in this connection, is Chapter 22 "What Can You Do" and I wish it were longer and closer to the front. Of course I am sensitive about this since the rapidly growing college is a n obvious target in a strongly republican community.

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the BOOKSHELF

17 South Tracy Bozeman, Montana

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This is also a community of sma ll businesses. There was a time when the college did a good deal of local buying. Nowadays thats all handled by the state purchasing agent. Local business profits from the increased population, but there are also more businesses. The college is big, but they aren't getting rich.

The recent furer deliberately fomented by certain individuals over a speaker at a World Peace Institute held at the college can be explained in these terms. I know the individuals well. American Legion and Republican committee women in a sort of alliance which is painfully reminiscent of Hitler and the Jews. I always hear echoes of Dachau and Buchenwald when these things come up. Here is one woman whose husband was a notorious philanderer. She left college to marry him. In the old days they had a virtual monopoly on college athletic equipment. They forget that M.S.C is not a Bozeman institution. My next door neighbor, state Republican committeewoman is the sister of a state senator who was defeated---sells cameras but not many to the college etc etc

The trouble is when you outline the characteristics of Communist Front organizations they are often ostensibly good . Thats the deceitful part, but its so often misinterpreted. To be sure some of the so-called Peace Movements have been communist inspired, but that doesn't mean that all Pacifists are disloyal to America. Its the logic that says because Elephants have tails, all animals with tails are elephants.

Our little incident seems to be fairly well settled. The Board of Education and others stayed behind us. We know better now where our enemies are and how eager they are for a chance to attack. The old man who had to wait for his mother to die when he was fifty or so before he could marry, who had no children. The mother of a retarded child and all the rest. How often this type of things serves as an outlet for personal frustration and bitterness !

I think your book is good; everyone should read it, BUT it needs more emphasis on the dangers of misguided or malicious hate-mongering. It does help understand the technique of communism, but more people need to develop more understanding, including the liberals.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: March 12, '58

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Congressman Lane, (D) Massachusetts, spoke favorably concerning the book "Masters of Deceit" and Mr. Hoover. This was set forth in a memorandum written earlier this date.

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Original filed in:

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MAR 15 1958

INITIALS ON ORIGINAL

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for March 11, '58 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Henry Holt and Company, Inc. • PUBLISHERS

383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 28, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Edgar:

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It was nice to hear from you, and we will ship out to Mr. [redacted] his order for 10 copies of MASTERS OF DECEIT immediately.

Everything is going along just fine, and your book will soon be at the top of the best-seller list!

My Best,

[redacted]

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*we can't make any more to*  
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*James B*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 2

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

On March 25, 1958, CG 5824-S\* made available to SA [redacted] a dictaphone memo belt, which contained the following comments of CG 5824-S\* concerning "Masters of Deceit":

Had I had the opportunity to say what I am going to say when I finished J. EDGAR HOOVER's book "Masters of Deceit", the remarks might be more spontaneous and perhaps even more enthusiastic.

I was so impressed with the book that I wanted to say a few words about it. This is not a book review nor is it a testimonial. I believe the book is an excellent primer which outlines the Communist conspiracy and the dangers that flow from it in the United States. We needed a book like this. Many people have no idea about the dangers of Communism and very often a sensational handling of the problem leads to its opposite, particularly among people who believe in the constitutional processes or who for one reason or another consider the Communist menace lightly or consider it only a question of a debate between ideologies of one sort or another. The fact is this. Despite the weakening of the Communist Party, as such, in the United States, it is still a danger and may become increasingly so because of its international connections.

I believe that the chapter in the book which outlines the international significance of this conspiracy is a useful one because it shows how we are not merely fighting a local gang of conspirators, but are fighting against a world antagonist in the form of governments, such as the Soviet Union and eleven other governments in the hands of the Communists.

Some of the reviews seem to treat this question lightly. They pose the question of how the danger of the Communist Party can be treated seriously in 1958 as it might have

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been treated in 1948, when it had four or five times the present membership. This is a naive analysis. The people who place the problem in this fashion ignore the international essence of this conspiracy and the dangers to our country.

It would be well if articles were written which dealt with various aspects of the book. I do not mean book reviews, but articles dealing with the international aspect of the problem. Some of the wise acres would make us believe that the question of Communism is exaggerated for parochial considerations, especially since the author of this book is the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The part which explains why Communists become what they are is also most important because for the first time it deals with the human factor and the spiritual factor.

I think that one approach to Communists or ex-Communists or sympathizers is the human or the spiritual approach. No one has dealt with this problem up to now, at least not in the press or in magazines. Perhaps a few liberals have dealt with this problem, but they did not understand the menace of Communism as it is explained in "Masters of Deceit". I think that if this part of the book could be popularized, it would help in the disintegration of this international conspiracy.

"Masters of Deceit" should be kept in the public eye for a long time to come, since it deals with a topic which will be timely years from now.

SAC, Miami

April 9, 1958

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Director, FBI

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**MASTERS OF DECEIT  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)**

Attached are two copies of a pamphlet captioned "Masters of Deceit" By J. Edgar Hoover" which was received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked at Miami, Florida, on April 2, 1958. This bigoted anti-Jewish, anti-Negro pamphlet is printed anonymously.

You should conduct a limited and discreet inquiry to determine the origin of this publication. Sulet the results of your inquiry under above caption no later than April 23, 1958.

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*Killed per Miami let of 4/22/58  
& outlet (lat. signal) 5/2/58  
Follow-up 4-25-58.  
Jan*

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*[Stamp: APR 15 1958]*

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials: Jones, Jan, Gandy]*



ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 3, 1958

The attached was sent to the  
Director in an envelope  
postmarked at Miami, Fla.,  
on April 2, 1958.

Attachment  
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<i>Mr. Tolson</i>	Mr. Tolson	_____
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<i>Mr. Belmont</i>	Mr. Belmont	_____
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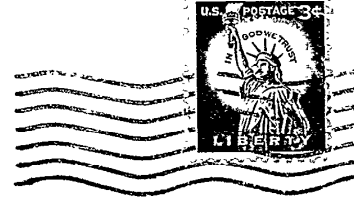
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Personal

# " M A S T E R S O F D E C E I T "

BY J. EDGAR HOOVER

THIS RECENT BOOK BY THE HEAD OF THE FBI, IN WHOSE HANDS THE SAFETY OF OUR COUNTRY LIES, IS RECEIVING ENTHUSIASTIC RECOGNITION BY SOURCES HERETOFORE BELIEVED RELIABLE, AMONG WHICH IS A LATE NIGHT PROGRAM IN THE MIAMI AREA. THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES OF THIS PROGRAM HAS USUALLY PLACED HIMSELF ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE IN ISSUES INVOLVING COMMUNIST, COMMUNIST-FRONT AND KINDRED FIELDS OF ATTACK ON OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. WE WONDER IF HE READ THE BOOK COMPLETELY BEFORE RECOMMENDING IT OR IF HE APPROVED ALL ITS CONTENTS.

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE PARTICULAR QUOTATION EXPRESS UTTER DISBELIEF THAT SUCH A ONE AS J. EDGAR HOOVER, WHO BEING A PERSON MOST LIKELY TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE FACTS, COULD POSSIBLY SO TURNED AGAINST HIS COUNTRY.

BUT, SEE IT FOR YOURSELF, IN BLACK AND WHITE, ON PAGE 257 OF HIS OWN BOOK TITLED "MASTERS OF DECEIT". WE QUOTE VERBATUM;

"SOME OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES HAS COME FROM JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE B'NAI B'RITH, THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, THE AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE AGAINST COMMUNISM, THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE AND A HOST OF OTHER JEWISH GROUPS"

THERE, YOU HAVE IT FOLKS. THE SECURITY OF THE MOST VITAL SECRETS OF YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE ARE IN THE HANDS OF ONE EXPRESSING SUCH PROPAGANDA AND IN THE FACE OF SUCH OBVIOUS RECORDS TO THE CONTRARY; IN VIEW OF THE RECORD OF THESE OUTFITS, A REAPPRAISAL IS IN ORDER, NOT ONLY OF THE AUTHOR BUT OF ALL WHO ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE PUBLICATION, SALE OR PROMOTION OF THE BOOK.

SOME QUESTIONS ARE IN URGENT NEED OF ANSWERS;

1. DID J. EDGAR HOOVER HIMSELF WRITE THE BOOK-ALL OF IT?
2. DID HE DO SO OF HIS OWN FREE-WILL?
3. WAS ALL THE MATERIEL SECURED BY HIS OWN EFFORT?
4. IF MATERIEL WAS SUPPLIED, BY WHOM AND WHICH ITEMS.?
5. HOW MANY OF HIS OTHER STATEMENTS WERE SIMILARLY FORMED?
6. WAS PRESSURE BROUGHT? BY WHOM? WHY? WHAT THREAT?
7. IS HE SO BADLY COMPROMISED AS TO BE FORCED TO BECOME A PART OF THE CONSPIRACY?
8. HAS THIS LINE OF THINKING BEEN DORMANT AND ONLY NOW MADE CLEAR WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN?

SOME S T R A I G H T ANSWERS ARE DUE PATRIOTIC AMERICANS AT ONCE! IF WE MUST FEND FOR OURSELVES IN OUR FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL WE MUST KNOW THE WORST N O W !

IT IS A MATTER FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. WRITE YOUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, WRITE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE OR BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE.

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE WILL BE FOUND A SMALL PART OF THE RECORD OF ONLY ONE OF THE AGENCIES INVOLVED.

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## THE B'NAI B'RITH

ELAINE BETH GILNER, OF ATLANTA GA., IS INTERNATIONAL PRES. OF B'NAI B'RITH GIRLS. BY VIRTUE OF THIS OFFICE SHE IS PRESUMED TO SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY.

THE NATIONAL JEWISH POST AND OPINION (1/17/58) QUOTES MISS GILNER AS SAYING AT THE MILWAUKEE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, THAT SOUTHERN JEWS ARE TAKING A STRONG LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE FIGHT FOR NEGRO RIGHTS... THAT JEWS COULD BE FOUND WORKING AMONG ALL SOUTHERN LEADERS WHO STOOD UP FOR FAIR TREATMENT OF THE NEGRO PROBLEM. THE J. POST FURTHER QUOTES HER AS SAYING... "THAT THOSE JEWS WHO WERE MOST ACTIVE IN THE FIGHT TEND TO BE MEMBERS OF THE B'NAI B'RITH ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE". APOLOGISTS FOR JEWISH EFFORTS TO FORCIBLY MIX WHITE AND NEGRO CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL HARDLY FIND A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR THIS STATEMENT.

THE J. POST ALSO IDENTIFIED MISS GILNER AS A FRESHMAN STUDENT AT SOPHIE NEWCOMB COLLEGE, IN NEW ORLEANS AND QUOTED HER AS SAYING, "IN TRUTH, HOWEVER, I CAN THINK OF NO JEWISH GROUP IN THE SOUTH THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CONCERN FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AS PART OF ITS POLICY." THIS CLEARLY PLACES THE B.N. AS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S PLATFORM, POINTS 1 THROUGH 9.

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ~~ADL~~ OF B'NAI B'RITH REQUIRES THAT YOU ALSO BE A MASON AS WELL AS A B'NAI B'RITH. WITH THIS FOOT IN THE DOOR OF RESPECTABILITY THEY NEVER MISS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY ALL THE TRADITIONS OF AMERICA NURTURED BY A CHRISTIANITY THEY REVILE.

NO LESS A CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY THAN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE M.T. PHELPS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA, SAID IN A SPEECH ON SEPT. 18TH LAST WHEN REFERRING TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT: "IT IS THE DESIGN AND PURPOSE OF THE COURT TO USURP THE POLICY-MAKING POWERS OF THE NATION... REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE MAY THINK ABOUT THE JUSTICE OR INJUSTICE OF SEGREGATION, WE HERE ASSERT WITHOUT HESITATION OR RESERVATION THAT THE (SUPREME COURT'S SCHOOL SEGREGATION - ED.) DECISION WAS NOT BASED UPON LOGIC OR LAW... I HONESTLY VIEW THE SUPREME COURT WITH ITS PRESENT MEMBERSHIP AND PREDILECTIONS A GREATER DANGER TO OUR DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE THAN ALL THE FORCES ALIGNED AGAINST US OUTSIDE OUR BOUNDARIES."

STRONGER STATEMENTS THAN THOSE OF JUDGE PHELPS HAVE GONE UNCHALLENGED BY THE ADL OF B'NAI B'RITH. PERHAPS THE FORCES BEHIND ADL ARE STRONGER IN ARIZONA THAN IN THE SOUTH.

THE ADL THEREUPON ISSUED A RESOLUTION ATTACKING JUDGE PHELPS AND SAYING:

"THE ADL DEFAMATION LEAGUE WAS PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PETITIONED THE U.S. SUPREME COURT TO ABOLISH SEGREGATION IN THE NATION'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

"TO ASSERT THAT THIS DECISION OF THE COURT HAS BECOME A GREATER ENEMY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES THAN COMMUNISM IS AN

OUTRAGEOUS AFFRONT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT AND THE CITIZENS OF THE NATION...SUCH PUBLIC UTTERANCES, ESPECIALLY BY IMPORTANT PUBLIC OFFICIALS, CAN ONLY GIVE AID AND COMFORT TO OUR ENEMIES."

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC, BEST KNOWN PAPER IN THAT AREA, UPHELD JUDGE PHELPS AND SAID THAT THE ADL "SHOWED AN AMAZING DISREGARD OF THE BASIC TENETS OF DEMOCRACY."

COMMENTING ON THE SAME SITUATION, DAN SMOOT SAID, "CALLING ITSELF AN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE! THIS OUTFIT LIVES BY DEFAMING PATRIOTS,"

AN IMPORTANT AMERICAN PUBLIC OFFICIAL MAKES AN ANTI-COMMUNIST SPEECH, FOR WHICH HE IS IMMEDIATELY ATTACKED BY THE JEWISH ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE.

TELLING OUR POLICE HOW TO ENFORCE INTEGRATION THE ADL GIVES OUT WITH THIS ADVICE: (-AND NOTE HOW IT WAS FOLLOWED AT LITTLE ROCK, FURTHER PROOF OF THE ERROR OF ALLOWING PROPONENTS OF AN ALIEN IDEOLOGY TO RETAIN POSTS IN OUR GOVERNMENT)

1. ALLOW NO MORE THAN THREE PERSONS TO CONGREGATE WITHIN A HALF MILE OF AN AREA BEING CHANGED (VIOLATES RIGHT OF PEACE - ABLE ASSEMBLY ACCORDED BY OUR CONSTITUTION)
2. USE THE OLD POLICE METHOD OF "KEEP THEM MOVING" (AGAIN A VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS)
3. IN AN AREA OF CRISIS, ALLOW NO PARADES OR CARAVANS WITHOUT A PERMIT. (THEY AGAIN ADVOCATE VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS)-
4. ALLOW NO MEETINGS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT A PERMIT.

THE ADL OPPOSES THE USE OF BIBLES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ALTHO MANY STATES HAVE LAWS REQUIRING BIBLE READING IN TAX-SUPPORTED SCHOOLS. THE FACT THAT AMERICA'S FOUNDING FATHERS SET UP OUR NATION ON THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, WITHOUT WHICH IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND THE SAFE HAVEN PROVIDED FOR AN UNGREATFUL ALIEN HORDE, SEEMS NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. BEFRIENDING A HUNGRY DOG MERITS THE LOYALTY OF EVEN THE MOST REPULSIVE MONGREL.

THE BINA BIRTH HAS IN THE PAST FURNISHED AN ATTRACTIVELY PRINTED RING BINDER WHICH IT CALLS A CALENDAR. IT LISTS ELEVEN RECOGNIZED CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS AND SIXTEEN JEWISH HOLIDAYS. IN ADDITION TO MODERNIST EFFORTS SUCH AS : RACE RELATIONS DAY; BROTHERHOOD WEEK; MOTHERS DAY AND FATHERS DAY, BOTH OF WHICH ARE GOOD SALES PROMOTERS; CITIZENSHIP DAY; UNITED NATIONS DAY; VETERANS DAY-TAKEN FROM THE DAY COMMEMORATING THE END OF WORLD WAR I AND ITS VETERANS; AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, EULOGIZING "MODERN EDUCATION"; BILL OF RIGHTS DAY. THE "CALENDAR" LISTS SUGGESTED READING ON AND FAVORABLE TO RACE MIXING BY AUTHORS PROMINENT ON THE LISTINGS OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES; COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS AS COMMUNIST AND OR COMMUNIST FRONT AND FELLOW TRAVELLERS.

[REDACTED] IS LISTED AS [REDACTED] HAVING BEEN ELECTED AT THE STATE CONVENTION AT SARASOTA MAY 11 - 13TH, 1957. PROMINENT MIAMIANS IN THE WORK INCLUDE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS A SOCIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

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GREATER MIAMI

AREA. SHE HAS LECTURED PROFESSIONALLY ON HUMAN RELATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE IN DETROIT AND DENVER (MIAMI BEACH SUN 10/15/57).

ANOTHER OF THE PROJECTS OF SINAI BIRTH HAS BEEN TO PROMOTE "BROTHERHOOD" AMONG CHRISTIANS AND JEWS. THEY FURNISHED POSTERS PROMOTING BROTHERHOOD TO EVERY CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE IN DADE CO. HERALD. P. 14A 12/15/56.

INFORMATION ON THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SO HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY J. EDGAR HOOVER CAN BE COMPILED IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT DEMAND TO JUSTIFY THE TIME AND EFFORT.

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA  
PLATFORM

1. ABOLITION OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF RACE DISCRIMINATION. FULL RACIAL EQUALITY.
2. ABOLITION OF ALL LAWS WHICH RESULT IN SEGREGATION OF NEGROES. ABOLITION OF ALL JIM CROW LAWS. THE LAW SHALL FORBID ALL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES IN SELLING OR RENTING HOUSES.
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TREASON NOW A VIRTUE,  
WAS A CRIME WHEN PATRIOTS RULED.

Van Nuys, Calif.

March 28/58

Mr. J. E. Hoover.  
F. B. I.

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I was surprised to find the paragraph  
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We are busy working on<sup>3</sup> the mental health  
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from passing the Alaska Mental bill  
and our own Calif. the Short-Doyle Act.  
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in the back door. The Federal level Congress  
has received Resolution H. Con Res 98. introduced  
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When Senator McCarthy was investigating  
Fort Mammouth the Radar factory he  
came up and found 42 traitors - 38  
were Jewish - you can imagine his despair

Do you think it is happenstance that  
Morgenthau Zion's leader Secretary of Treasury  
with Harry Dexter White traitor, who  
wrote the International Monetary Fund  
plan, advised Eisenhower on Morgenthau's  
Plan to hand Germany over to the Soviet Union.  
Arthur Burns, Austrian Jew - President  
Eisenhower's chief economic adviser, co-  
ordinates Federal Reserve Policy - Eugene  
Meyer is head of Federal Reserve Bank during

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There are so many we could fill volumes  
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Wonder we are losing" it tells  
all. Thanking you Emmanuel

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Van Nuys, Calif.  
March 28/58

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
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Mr. Tamm	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

*[Handwritten initials/signature over the routing slip]*

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Thanking you I remain sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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# ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

*of B'nai B'rith*

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN  
HENRY EDWARD SCHULTZ  
205 EAST 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

October 4, 1955

Lieutenant-General George E. Stratemeyer  
P. O. Box 424  
Winter Park, Florida

Dear General Stratemeyer:

It is never a pleasant duty to impose distressing problems upon public personalities such as yourself, and for some time it had been our hope that this letter to you might become unnecessary.

Just a year ago, the publishers of "Iron Curtain Over America" began distributing, as part of a sales campaign, copies of what purported to be a letter from you to John O. Beaty, the author, endorsing this volume and recommending it to Americans in general.

At that time we withheld writing you because we felt that inevitably the facts about Mr. Beaty and his book would be brought to your attention and that you would then take appropriate action. A year has gone by and we now find that "The General Stratemeyer Letter Written to Col. Beaty" is the subject of a flyer being distributed by Gerald L.K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade. Enclosed is a photostatic copy of that leaflet, which you will note acknowledges unashamedly that "Iron Curtain Over America" is anti-Jewish.

This leaflet is being distributed in large quantities and thus links your name widely and publicly with the anti-Semitism of Gerald Smith and John Beaty. We take it for granted that you are familiar with Smith's long and notorious record as an anti-Jewish hatemonger. Perhaps you are not as aware of Mr. Beaty's record.

Professor Beaty is no newcomer to the field of anti-Jewish propaganda. As long ago as 1948 he was delivering anti-Semitic lectures in the Southwest. Until December 1951 his activities were confined to desultory speaking engagements whose effects



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appear to be irritating only in a local sense. Then he made his debut as a national anti-Semitic propagandist with the publication of "Iron Curtain Over America".

We do not propose to burden you at this point with our detailed analysis of the book; suffice it to say that it is a compilation of anti-Jewish lies and distortions which have caused it to become a kind of primer for lunatic fringe groups throughout the nation.

Lest you feel that ours is a partisan Jewish view of this book, we would point out that "Iron Curtain Over America" has been denounced by the Methodist publication Zions Herald. Others who have condemned it are [redacted] of Dallas; Dr. Orval Watts in the publication Faith And Freedom; and William Henry Chamberlain in the Chicago Tribune. (Photo-static copies of these condemnations are enclosed.)

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Finally, you should know that, as a result of his activities, Professor Beaty was censured in May, 1954 by the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University.

In view of the foregoing, it is our feeling that you may want to consider the advisability of some public action which can assure the American people, who hold you in such high regard, that you repudiate religious hatred, as we know you do, and the use of your name by Professor Beaty and Gerald L.K. Smith.

We would appreciate your response which we hope will relieve the concern that has been expressed to us by the many people who have seen Gerald-Smith's newest leaflet.

Sincerely yours,

  
Henry Edward Schultz

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GEORGE E. STRATEMEYER

LT. GEN. U.S.A.F. (RET.)

P. O. BOX 424

WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

12 October, 1955.

Mr. Henry E. Schultz.  
National Chairman  
Anti-Defamation League  
of B'nai B'rith  
205 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Schultz:

Your letter of 4 October, 1955 with enclosures received and I want you and your organization to know that I forcefully resent what you have said or implied.

First, I want to make it clear that I am not, nor have I ever been, anti-Jewish. I have many Jewish friends throughout this country, who are loyal honest Americans.

As for your use of the meaningless expression "anti-Semitic" it makes no sense. According to the dictionary, the word Semitic pertains to the decendants of Shem which includes Assyrians, Hebrews, Phenicians, Arabs, Abyssinians, etc. It also pertains to the Semitic languages collectively. Therefore, how any one person or group of persons could be anti-Semitic is beyond my understanding.

Who are you and your organization to tell me what I should read and what I should recommend other loyal American citizens to read? And, by the way, just what is the purpose of your organization?

Not until I read John Beaty's book "The Iron Curtain Over America" did I learn what was going on back in The United States of America while I was overseas fighting for my country.

I think every loyal citizen of our country whether he be Protestant, Jew, Catholic or Mohammedan should read "The Iron Curtain Over America". I do not consider that book anti-Jewish in any sense of the word. In fact, I consider it a defense of all loyal American Jews and every Jew that loves these United States of ours should read it.

What connection exists between Mr. John Beaty and Mr. gerald K. Smith I have no knowledge as I do not know either gentlemen. I did authorize Mr. Beaty to use my letter to him and that is no one's business but my own.

When The United States of America reaches the point where a citizen cannot read what he desires to read and to recommend such reading to others then we will have reached the status that exists in Soviet Russia. But, THANK GOD, we are still free men in America. As I interpret your letter your organization would have the people read only what you think should be read and recommended to others. This I resent as a free American citizen.

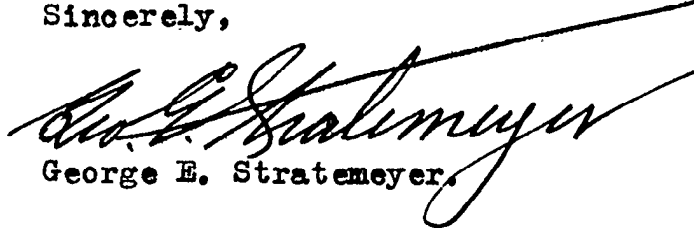
12 October, 1955.

Mr. Henry Schultz.

I do not understand what you mean by your statement "We do not propose to burden you at this point, etc." Is this a veiled threat to my free expression and thoughts? If so, this I also resent.

Your letter is the most outrageous communication I have ever received in my life and I intend to give it the widest possible publicity, including my many Jewish friends.

Sincerely,



George E. Stratemeyer.

We agree with this grand American, Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, that these communications deserve the widest possible publicity.

KEEP AMERICA COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 3094, Los Angeles 54, Calif.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *AN*

DATE: March 27, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones *MAJ*

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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Gandy	_____

## SYNOPSIS:

In incorporating the Simon Gerson item in the book, the Crime Records Section acted under the specific instructions of Mr. Nichols to use material prepared by the Central Research Section as basic source material in connection with documentation of the book. This decision was made because this data had been prepared by experts on the subject and to recheck it would have been a complete duplication of effort and uneconomical use of personnel. Accordingly, no effort was made to go behind Central Research material unless the documenting Agent felt he needed additional information to make his verification. The information concerning Simon Gerson's attendance at the Lenin School was furnished by memorandum to Assistant to the Director Nichols by the Central Research Section for specific use in the book. Mr. Nichols then inserted Gerson's name into the manuscript, changing his status at the Lenin School from attendance to "graduate." At his instructions, the Central Research memorandum was utilized for documentation and according to our procedures no effort was made to go behind the information set forth therein.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That no action in connection with Crime Records personnel in this matter be taken. In view of the fact that the inclusion of the Simon Gerson item was not the decision of Crime Records personnel and due to the fact that Crime Records personnel followed to the letter procedures established in handling the documentation of basic research material, it does not appear that any culpability in this instance rests with our personnel.

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to Boardman, 3/27/58  
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DETAILS

The full facts concerning the procedures used in handling the Simon Gerson item are set forth below:

INITIAL PREPARATION:

At the outset, the initial draft of the chapter involved, "How U. S. Communism Began, 1919-21," was written by Special Agent Fern C. Stukenbroeker of the Crime Records Section. The Lenin School was mentioned but no names whatever were set forth since SA Stukenbroeker thought it best to refrain from the use of personalities. Information concerning the Lenin School used in this chapter was documented to a memorandum entitled "The Lenin School" dated April 24, 1951, prepared by the Domestic Intelligence Division.

FIRST USE OF GERSON'S NAME:

In September, 1957, former Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols revised the section dealing with the Lenin School. At the time he decided to revise this section, he instructed the Central Research Section to get up pertinent information on the Lenin School, this data to include a list of American communists who had attended. The Central Research Section complied and forwarded to Mr. Nichols a seven-page memorandum captioned "Lenin School." From this material Mr. Nichols revised Stukenbroeker's original description of the Lenin School and added the names of American communists mentioned in the memorandum as having attended the Lenin School. The use of names was discussed by Stukenbroeker with Mr. Nichols at this time.

Gerson's name was mentioned in the above-described Central Research memorandum under a sentence reading:

"The following former Lenin School students are members of the national committee which was selected in 1957:"

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Mr. Nichols' revision read:

"The National Committee of the Communist Party in the United States today includes graduates of the Lenin School such as... Simon W. Gerson...."

The handwritten notations of Mr. Nichols on his revision indicate that he based his revision concerning the Lenin School on the 7-page Central Research memorandum captioned "Lenin School" and the previous information set forth in the original draft. Mr. Nichols instructed that this data was to be the basis for documenting the information he set forth in the revised version. Accordingly, this was done. At no time was there any reason to go behind the Central Research memorandum on the Lenin School as it was prepared by highly qualified personnel familiar with the subject matter. To do otherwise would have been a complete duplication of effort and uneconomical use of skilled personnel.

#### DOCUMENTATION:

In accordance with procedures established for documentation (to be explained later in this memorandum), Special Agent [redacted] of the Crime Records Section reviewed the sources indicated and documented the Lenin School Section to the 7-page Central Research memorandum mentioned above and the April, 1951, memorandum on the Lenin School. As a further check on the accuracy of information set forth in the book, Mr. Nichols instructed that Agents of the Domestic Intelligence Division recheck the text to insure that an accurate interpretation of the sources used had been made from both a technical and literal standpoint. As you will recall, Special Agents Ralph Miles and Karl Brouse of the Domestic Intelligence Division reviewed the text and sources. Chapter 4, which contains the reference to Gerson and the Lenin School, was thereafter reviewed and double checked by Special Agent Brouse.

#### SPECIAL POINTS:

1) Identification of Gerson as a "graduate" of the Lenin School whereas the above-mentioned 7-page Central Research memorandum lists his name as among "former Lenin School students."

As indicated above, the choice of the word "graduate" was made by Mr. Nichols at the time he revised the Lenin School Section of Chapter 4. He reread this section many times and accepted this terminology as being within the realm of literary license. The word "graduate" here, of course, does not mean "graduation" in the sense of graduating from a college in the United States with a diploma. It means that an individual attended a communist school for a period of

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time. Whenever he did leave, he "graduated," meaning that communist authorities had decided that he had completed the course. Whether he attended one day, 3 weeks or 6 months, he left the school at the Party's discretion, hence he had "graduated." Being under communist discipline, he could not leave voluntarily. In the using the word, Mr. Nichols desired to give a more sinister meaning to attendance at the Lenin School.

2) Procedures for checking source material.

In procedures used for documenting, drafts of the manuscript were first checked by Agents of the Crime Records Section and then, as mentioned above, were rechecked by two Agents of the Domestic Intelligence Division. It was our understanding with Mr. Nichols that material prepared by the Central Research Section was to be accepted at full value, unless any of the documenting Agents, either of Crime Records or the Domestic Intelligence Division, felt that an item mentioned in the Central Research material might not be clear, might not be complete or might need some amplification.

Accordingly, we documented directly to material furnished by the Central Research Section. As sources these items were accepted the same as Bureau files. The Central Research memorandum containing the Gerson item was one of similar memoranda submitted to Mr. Nichols on his request to be used as basic source material in the book. In addition to these memoranda, we documented to other Central Research material, such as monographs and the Current Intelligence Analysis.

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Special Agents Brouse and Miles state that/their review, at Mr. Nichols' specific instructions, they used the sources indicated in the original documentation, which included Central Research material, as basic sources. They did not go behind these items unless they felt there was need for further checking to see if the facts as set forth conveyed the precise meaning desired, etc. In fact, Special Agent Miles states that he specifically asked Mr. Nichols whether he wanted him (Miles) to go behind the Central Research material in documenting two new chapters and other new material which Mr. Nichols added to the book in September, 1957. Mr. Nichols' answer was no; that the final check had to be done as quickly as possible and that the Central Research material was based on extensive research by highly experienced personnel familiar with communist activities and therefore was sufficient. This is in conformity with the recollection of SA Stukenbroeker in connection with the instructions issued.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. The original research and procurement of the data concerning Simon Gerson's attendance at the Lenin School were specifically assigned outside Crime Records.

Memorandum to Mr. Nease

2. The data compiled in connection with the Gerson item was furnished to Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols on his request in memorandum form specifically for use in the book.

3. The policy decision to use this original research material as basic documentation, due to the fact that it was prepared by experts in the subject matter upon specific assignment and due to the urgency of the project, was established by Mr. Nichols in his direction of the project and was followed by Crime Records and Domestic Intelligence Division personnel who handled the documentation.

4. The substitution of the word "graduate" in place of "attend" in connection with the statement that Simon Gerson was affiliated with the Lenin School was made by Mr. Nichols in one of his personal revisions of the book manuscript. The substitution is plausible in the light of communist terminology and editorial license.





April 3, 1958

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Mr. Carl B. Brunner  
Vice President  
The Chase Manhattan Bank  
Post Office Box 2752  
San Juan 12, Puerto Rico

Dear Carl:

Your thoughtful letter of April 1, 1958, recalled pleasant memories of our days at Central High School, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your congratulations and kind comments regarding my book, "Masters of Deceit."

I am most grateful for your invitation, and if I ever have the pleasure of visiting San Juan, I will certainly keep it in mind.

You evidently have been very successful in your career, and I hope you will stop by my office the next time you are in Washington.

Sincerely,

*Speed*

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NOTE: Mr. Carl B. Brunner graduated from Central High School in Washington, D. C., in June, 1915. By letter dated April 3, 1958, to SAC, San Juan, the Director expressed appreciation to SAC Santoiana for advising him of the favorable comments made by Mr. Brunner concerning "Masters of Deceit," and the Director indicated he was looking forward to receiving Mr. Brunner's letter. Bufiles reflect no correspondence with Mr. Brunner and no unfavorable information identifiable with him.

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
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CARL B. BRUNNER  
VICE PRESIDENT

April 1, 1958

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Speed:

No doubt you have forgotten that nickname but that is how I remember you from the days at Central High School.

I want to congratulate you on the wonderful presentation and work in your book "Masters in Deceit". I certainly hope it can be published in paper-back form in order to be available to millions of people in the United States and especially the younger generation in high schools and colleges. It is most instructive and very well prepared.

It doesn't seem possible that some forty years have passed since you and I were in school together. I followed your career very closely.

I have been in the tropics for thirty three years working for The Chase Manhattan Bank and am now in charge of their interests here in Puerto Rico. This is quite a growing place and worthwhile seeing. I certainly hope we may have the pleasure of a visit from you here on the island.

With very best personal regards, I am

Carl B. Brunner's name  
appears in the June 1915 roster  
of Central High School

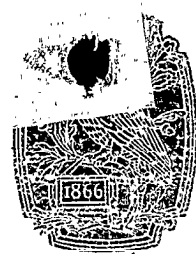
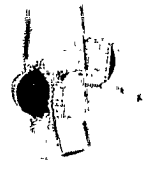
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Sincerely,

*Carl*  
Carl B. Brunner

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April 4, 1958

Mr. Clyde Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
Department of Justice Bldg.  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Clyde:

Enclosed herewith please find "finals" of installments #22 through #26 of King Features Syndicate's version of MASTERS OF DECEIT by J. Edgar Hoover, for your files.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

William E. Buckley

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